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K-1397 (Put on informal basis!)

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a) Into the Black Sea ports — specially Bulgarian ~~points~~

b) Into Albanian ports, other than USSR lines.

2) Does ORE have the above data?

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29 March 1950

MEMORANDUM FOR: D/Pub,ORE

ATTENTION : Mr. [redacted] 25X1A

REFERENCE : Case K-1397

1. It is requested that this office be furnished a list of all steamship lines which operate to the following points:

(a) Into the Black Sea, especially Bulgarian ports.

(b) Into Albanian ports, other than vessels of the USSR.

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2. This memorandum confirms conversation between Mr. [redacted] of this office on 28 March 1950.

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Chief, D/Pub, ORE

8 June 1950

Chief, D/Tr, ORE

Maritime traffic to Bulgarian ports

1. The following information is submitted in partial fulfillment of your request (IP-93). D/Tr has made a detailed study of the movements of maritime traffic through the Bosphorus for seven months, ending March 1950. The information is presented in tabular form for your convenience. While it is believed that the tables are sufficiently clear to serve your purpose, D/Tr will be glad to discuss any aspects of the data which appear to require further clarification.

2. Available information with respect to capitalization and other company data, requested in IP-93, is not sufficiently complete to warrant inclusion herein. Some readily available information as to companies and areas of operations is included, however, in Table V.

3. The other sections of your request will be answered as soon as possible.

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TABLE I

ACTIVITY OF MERCHANT SHIPS CALLING AT BULGARIAN PORTS

Country of Registry	No. of Ships	No. of Voyages		
		In	Out	Total
Bulgaria	15	28	28	56
Canada	1	1	1	2
Finland	1	1	0	1
Italy	6	13	5	18
Netherlands	4	5	2	7
Poland	2	0	2	2
Rumania	2	2	0	2
Sweden	14	11	9	20
Turkey	2	1	1	2
UK	9	11	2	13
US	3	0	3	3
USSR	3	0	3	3
Total	62	73	56	129

NOTE: The apparent discrepancy between the number of voyages in and out is due to the fact that some ships called at other ports before or after touching at Bulgarian ports and are thus recorded as sailing to or from non-Bulgarian ports. Furthermore, some ships were on the outward leg of a voyage at the beginning of the survey while others were inbound at the end of the survey period.

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TABLE II

NUMBER OF VOYAGES TO/FROM BULGARIAN PORTS

Flag of Vessel	Total	Bourgas		Stalin	
		To	From	To	From
Bulgaria	56	19	22	9	6
Canada	2	1	1	0	0
Finland	1	1	0	0	0
Italy	18	12	4	1	1
Netherlands	7	5	2	0	0
Poland	2	0	2	0	0
Rumania	2	1	0	1	0
Sweden	20	11	9	0	0
Turkey	2	1	1	0	0
UK	13	11	2	0	0
US	3	3	0	0	0
USSR	3	0	0	3	0
Total	129	65	43	14	7

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TABLE III

SIZE OF VESSELS CALLING AT BULGARIAN PORTS
(Gross Registered Tons)

Flag	Total	Gross Registered Tons: Under 100	101-500	501-1000	1001-2000	2001-3000	3001-4000	4001-5000	5001-7500
Bulgaria	16	1	9	1	2	1	0	1	0
Canada	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
Finland	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0
Italy	6	0	0	1	2	0	2	0	1
Netherlands	4	0	0	0	3	1	0	0	0
Poland	2	0	0	0	1	1	0	0	0
Rumania	2	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	0
Sweden	14	0	0	0	9	2	2	1	0
Turkey	2	0	1	0	0	0	1	0	0
UK	9	0	0	0	0	3	5	1	0
US	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	3
USSR	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	3
Total	62	1	10	2	17	8	13	3	8

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TABLE IV

ANALYSIS OF BULGARIAN PORT TRAFFIC

A-Inbound Traffic

Estimated Country of Origin	To Bourgas		To Stalin	
	Shipments	Metric Tons* of Cargo	Shipments	Metric Tons* of Cargo
Argentina	3	4570	0	0
Belgium	2	157	0	0
Canada	1	300	0	0
Egypt	2	289	0	0
Finland	2	2060	0	0
Germany (West)	2	117	0	0
Greece	1	100	0	0
Israel	1	125	0	0
Italy	10	571	0	0
Netherlands	8	769	0	0
Poland	1	4706	3	19900
Syria	0	0	1	1150
UK	14	1958	1	3500
US	1	265	0	0
Total	48	15,767	5	24,550

B- Outbound Traffic

Estimated Country of Destination	From Bourgas		From Stalin	
	Shipments	Metric Tons* of Cargo	Shipments	Metric Tons* of Cargo
Albania	2	599	0	0
Belgium	4	765	0	0
Denmark	1	1200	0	0
Egypt	3	385	0	0
Finland	1	150	0	0
Israel	17	2884	5	761
Lebanon	3	725	0	0
Netherlands	1	1200	0	0
Poland	2	3400	0	0
Syria	1	148	0	0
UK	2	46	0	0
Total	37	11,302	5	761

*Tonnages are estimated in some cases

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TABLE V

NAME AND OWNER/MANAGER OF SHIPS CALLING AT BULGARIAN PORTS SEPTEMBER 1949 - MARCH 1950

FLAG AND NAME OF VESSEL	GRT	OWNER AND ADDRESS	COMMENT
BULGARIA			
Bulgaria	4191	Bulgarian Government	The Bulgarian merchant marine is nationalized and presumably controls all these ships.
Ler Bai	709	" "	
Rila	183	" "	
Balkan	92	" "	
Ch. Smirnensky	1662	" "	
Dobroudja	295	" "	
Gorianin	170	" "	
Gorsky Kooperator	160	" "	
Lulin	160	" "	
Mousaalla	130	" "	
Nicola Vaptzarov	1760	" "	
Rodina	2709	" "	
Septemvri	204	" "	
Trakia	201	" "	
Tsarevo	114	" "	

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FLAG AND NAME OF VESSEL	GRT	OWNER AND ADDRESS	COMMENT
CANADA			
Mont Clair	7159	Montreal Shipping Co., Ltd., Montreal, Canada.	Agents, Charterers, brokers for several lines. Owns five large vessels.
FINLAND			
Hesperus	3235	Finska Angfar, Akt., Helsinki, Finland.	Operates 40 passenger and cargo vessels principally in Northern European area.
ITALY			
Irolli	1597	Achille Lauro, Naples, Italy.	Operates 3 vessels in tramp and liner services to South America, Near East and Pacific.
Annarella	5999	Cia. Ital. Tr. Olii. Minerali, Genoa, Italy.	Operates 2 vessels.
Enrico	1617	Dani and Cia, Genoa, Italy.	Operates 4 vessels.
Isabel	3030	" " " " "	
Rosellin	3030	" " " " "	
Citta Di Bari	565	Soc. di Nav. Puglia, Bari, Italy.	Operates 1 vessel.
NETHERLANDS			
Ariadne	1170	Kon. Nederl. Stoom. Maats., The Hague, Netherlands.	Operates throughout Eastern Hemisphere.
Cordias	1645	" " " " " "	
Hercules	2317	" " " " " "	
Hector	1906	Unknown.	

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POLAND			
Krakow	2019	Gdynia-America Shipping Lines, Gdynia, Poland.	This branch of the combine operates 24 small and medium sized vessels.
Olsztyn	1925	" " " " "	
RUMANIA			
Dimitrov	3689	Unknown	Presumably state-owned.
Plehanov	3743	Unknown	" " "
SWEDEN			
Laholm	1632	S. Redig, Helsingborg, Sweden.	Operates 15 small and medium size ships.
Alida Gorthon	3636	J. Gorthon, Helsingborg, Sweden.	Operates 5 small vessels; affiliated with other Gorthon enterprises.
A. Th. Jonasson	1596	H. Jonasson, Raa, Sweden.	Operates 6 small vessels.
Becky	1868	S. Redig, Helsingborg, Sweden.	Operates 15 small and medium sized ships.
Britta	2297	" " " "	
Flora	1788	" " " "	
Gudrun	1707	" " " "	
Nora	1624	" " " "	
Inger	1576	" " " "	
Ulla	2704	" " " "	
Carl Gorthon	1811	Sten. O. Gorthon, Helsingborg, Sweden.	Operates 3 vessels as one of Gorthon Lines affiliates.

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SWEDEN (cont.)			
Ada Gorthon	3663	Stig Gorthon, Gothenburg, Sweden.	Operates 6 medium sized vessels; has a number of other larger affiliates.
Fernebo	1271	T.E.J. Brostrom, Gothenburg, Sweden.	Operates 15 medium vessels; has a number of other larger affiliates.
TURKEY			
Akbell	248	Sevki Pirlant, Zonguldak, Turkey.	Operates 1 vessel.
Demir	3709	Turkish Government	[redacted]
UK			
Bantria	2407	Cunard S/S Co., Liverpool, England.	This branch of Cunard operates 4 small vessels. The combined operations of this company constitute one of the leading organisations in the shipping world. Concentrated principally in the North Atlantic and Mediterranean.
Brescia	3817	" " " " "	
Egyptian	3513	Ellerman and Papayanni Lines, Ltd., Liverpool, England.	Operates from UK principally to Southern Europe, the Mediterranean and Black Sea.
Gitano	3982	Ellerman's Wilson Line, Ltd., Hull, England.	Operates 33 small and medium sized vessels to Baltic, Mediterranean and U.S.
Palermo	2797	" " " " "	
Dromore	4098	Furness, Withy and Co., Liverpool, England.	Operates 11 vessels from UK to Continent, U. S., and Black Sea; part of Furness Lines Operations.
Alhama	2296	John Bruce and Co., Glasgow, Scotland.	Operates this ship only.

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UK (cont.)			
Merse	3832	Moss Hutchison Line, Ltd., Liverpool, England.	Operates 12 vessels from UK principally to Continent.
Grecian	3284	Unknown	
U.S.			
Exbrook	7047	American Export Lines, 25 Broadway, New York, N. Y.	Operates 20 vessels from U. S. principally to Southern Europe, the Mediterranean and Black Sea.
Exchester	7129	" " " " "	
Exemplar	6736	" " " " "	
USSR			
Alex. Suvorov	7176	Soviet Government	
Belorussia	6042	" "	
Tungus	7194	" "	

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